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MINUTES

ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 3 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

Members Present: Jim Anderson, John Porter, Bob Stone, & Gary Swant

Members Absent: Bob Rase

County Commissioner: Donna Young

Staff: Brian Bender

Guests: None.

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

President Swant called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Agenda Item #2 – Roll Call

Four Members being present established a quorum.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Minutes

Member Stone moved, with Vice President Anderson seconding, to approve the March 19th Minutes as presented. The Board approved the motion through a vote of four to zero.

Agenda Item #4 – Public Hearings

None.

Agenda Item #5 – Regular Business

a. Financial Report

The Park Board reviewed the report showing a balance of \$20,206 as of March 31st.

Planning Director Bender noted the County paid the Museum for the last seven months of maintenance (the Museum failed to submit any invoices during those months).

Vice President Anderson moved, with Member Porter seconding, to approve the Financial Report as presented. The Board approved the motion through a vote of four to zero.

- b. Approval of expenditures
None.

Agenda Item #6 – Maintenance Service Bids

President Swant announced the Board received one bid from Patti Ward of Hedgeworks and noted the bid is for \$400 a month.

The Park Board generally discussed the bid.

Vice President Anderson expressed concerns with the two-inch snow threshold before plowing would start.

Member Porter agreed with the concerns.

President Swant stated he is willing to meet with Ms. Ward next Wednesday.

Vice President Anderson moved, with Member Stone seconding, to accept the bid submitted by Hedgeworks contingent on clarification on the snow removal element. The Board approved the motion through a vote of four to zero.

Member Porter expressed concerns regarding snow removal in the parking lots.

Member Stone volunteered to contact several contractors regarding their ability to plow the lots next winter.

Agenda Item #7 – Community Workday

President Swant explained his opinion for the need of a community workday. He continued by explaining the activities would focus on tree trimming and chipping the debris.

President Swant wants to have a cleanup day to remove the worst of the debris. He continued by explaining the Clark Fork Coalition will assist with collecting volunteers.

Vice President Anderson described a possible funding assistance to help offset the costs such as lunch for the volunteers.

The Park Board discussed the extent of the potential work – just the removal of dead vegetation and woody debris.

President Swant is going to contact the Clark Fork Coalition to pursue the workday and will schedule a meeting with Kascie Herron.

Vice President Anderson is willing to attend as well.

Agenda Item #8 – Fishing Access

President Swant explained the reason to contact Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks to see if the agency is interested in further developing the Boat Launch.

Vice President Anderson described his reason to explore the state's interest in the Boat Launch. He offered to contact the agency's Mike Thompson.

Agenda Item #9 – Sign Agreement

Vice President Anderson stated there are no updates from the Chamber of Commerce.

The Park Board expressed frustrations with the lack of progress, and agreed to wait one more month for a response.

Agenda Item #10 – Dog Wastes

President Swant explained his concerns with the problem, and the reason for his draft letter.

County Commissioner Young expressed concerns with allocating County resources to enforce a dog waste ordinance.

The Park Board discussed the rational (pros and cons) of a proposed ordinance.

Planning Director Bender noted he will research how other park organizations manage the situation.

Agenda Item #11 – Community Service Workers

Member Stone presented his recent conversations regarding the use of community service workers.

County Commissioner Young asked who would supervise the workers.

Member Stone explained the County as well as the Park Board can overcome the liability concerns. He continued by advocating for the use of adults to perform the tasks.

Agenda Item #12 – Letter to Larry Rennfield

President Swant read the draft letter gauging Mr. Rennfield's interest in a land swap.

The Park Board viewed the locations of the two lots on the map.

Member Porter moved, with Vice President Anderson seconding, to send the letter and supporting mapping exhibit to Larry Rennfield. The Board approved the motion through a vote of four to zero.

Agenda Item #13 – Board Members & Committee Reports

Member Porter provided the estimates he received from Gilman Construction for paving the parking lot. He continued by noting the first bid is for a portion of the lot with three-inches of asphalt for \$10K, and the second bid is \$32K for the entire lot. He also noted the estimates do not include surface preparation and mobilization costs.

Vice President Anderson introduced the use of directional signs adjacent to the existing Park sign to help orient visitors.

Agenda Item #14 – County Commissioner’s Update

None.

Agenda Item #15 – Staff Reports & Informational Items

a. Bylaws Amendment

Planning Director Bender noted the County Commissioners approved the amendments on April 7th. He will provide the new version to the members.

b. Master Plan Update

Planning Director Bender explained Montana Department of Environmental Quality is willing to allow Karen Boyd of Applied Geomorphology to assess the riverbanks through the Park. He continued by saying Great West Engineering intends to start the wetlands delineation in June.

Agenda Item #16 – Public Comments

None.

Agenda Item #17 – Adjourn

By consensus, the Park Board adjourned the meeting at 4:26 PM.

President Swant confirmed the next meeting is on May 21st at 3 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian P. Bender, AICP CEP, CFM
Powell County Planning Director



Gary Swant, President

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Date